

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by July 25, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? _____

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-294-001

IF energy consumption is decreasing, why is this needed?

I-294-002

IF they need more electricity out East then they should produce it out there rather than running lines across our farmland.
Holden township is a strong and proud Ag Community and I would like to see it stay that way for future generations.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-294-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-294-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-294-001.

I-294-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Section 19, Holden Township in Goodhue County

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I don't think running power lines down the middle of township sections in Agricultural communities is a good idea. Why not run them along Hwy 52 where there is already power lines running.

I think in Holden township we have a good balance of wildlife and Agriculture and running power lines through our area I feel would upset this balance.

I-294-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-294-004 I ~~would~~ would like more information on possible
health hazards, how much will this interfere
I-294-005 w/ electronic devices, will there be more
I-294-006 static electricity and stray voltage issues.
I-294-007 I also feel the power companies aren't
trying to ^{hardly} get the information in regards to
this project out to the general public.
we only received one flyer in regards to
this and it didn't have a lot of information in
it. Only recently did we become aware of the
fact it could be going through the section
we live in.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-294-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-294-005

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-294-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-294-007

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

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